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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant respectfully submits the following information disclosure statement.

The disclosed references are:

JP 2002-245895; Japanese Patent Office; published August 30, 2002, with its English abstract.

JP 2002-367477; Japanese Patent Office; published December 20, 2002, with its English abstract.

JP 05-190053; Japanese Patent Office; published July 30, 1993, with its English abstract.

JP 49-102245; Japanese Patent Office; published September 27, 1974, with corresponding GB Pat. App. Pub. No. 1430399.

JP 2003-123586; Japanese Patent Office; published April 25, 2003, with its English abstract.

JP 2-102629; Japanese Patent Office; published August 15, 1990, with its English translation.

JP-51-127384; Japanese Patent Office; published November 6, 1976, with corresponding GB Pat. App. Pub. No. 1 535 810.

JP-2001-135182; Japanese Patent Office; published May 18, 2001, with its English abstract.

JP-10-112240; Japanese Patent Office; published April 28, 1998, with its English abstract.

Two references mentioned above, GB Pat. App. Pub. No. 1430399 and GB Pat. App. Pub. No. 1 535 810, are also being submitted because they are believed to be counterparts to JP 49-102245 and GB Pat. App. Pub. No. 1 535 810, respectively, and may serve as a translations thereof.

- Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the cited references shown on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and that the references be made of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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